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TENTATIVE PROGRAM, TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, WEST BADEN, INDIANA, MAY 29-JUNE 1, 1928

The final program is not yet complete, but will be printed in full in the April issue of the Law Library Journal. Copies of the program in separate form will be mailed to members. The times of meetings cannot be definitely announced until the program of the A.L.A. is issued.

However, aside from the routine business, such as the reports of officers and committees, and the president's annual address, papers will be read as follows:

"Codes of California"—

ROSAMOND PARMA, Law Librarian, School of Jurisprudence, University of California. Will include a bibliography.

"Civil Law in Louisiana"—

ALICE M. MAGEE, State Librarian of Louisiana. Its application. A comparison of its use and the use of common and code law in other states.

"Some Unreported Opinions of a Territorial Judge, 1805-1824"—

OLIVE C. LATHROP, Librarian, Detroit Bar Association Library. Of Judge Woodward, Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Michigan, who could not have held office "on good behaviour" for he knew that not.

"Is There an Excuse for the Existence of the American Association of Law Libraries?"—

A. J. SMALL, Law Librarian, Iowa State Library.

"Vermont Legislation"—

HARRISON J. CONANT, State Librarian of Vermont. Another intensive study of the statute law of a particular jurisdiction.

Subject to be announced.

ARTHUR S. BEARDSLEY, Librarian, School of Law, University of Washington.

"The Drama of the Law Library"—

S. D. KLAPP, Librarian, Minneapolis Bar Association.

Leather preservation demonstration.

DR. GEORGE E. WIRE, of the Worcester County, Mass., Law Library, will give a clinical demonstration of leather preservation processes. Each member is invited to bring a volume, a small one preferred, in sheep binding showing decay and also a piece of paraffin paper to wrap said book in after the agent is applied.

Provision will also be made for sightseeing trips and other diversions.

The annual joint meeting and joint banquet with the National Association of State Libraries will be held as usual.

Suggestions from members as to subjects for discussion, or anything which will add value or interest to the program, will be welcomed.

The French Lick Springs Hotel has been selected as headquarters for the American Association of Law Libraries.

REMINISCENCES OF A LAW BOOKSELLER FROM 1874 TO
MODERN TIMES *

By MR. T. L. COLE, Statute Law Book Co., Washington, D.C.

MR. T. L. COLE: Mr. Chairman and Fellow-Members: I am in the same position I was last year, with much to say and but little time in which to say it. I am sure that none of you can appreciate the delight it is to me to have your support, and the interest that has been shown in Session Laws, not only at this meeting, but all through the sessions in Canada. These Session Laws have been my life work since 1885, and somewhat before, but since 1885 exclusively. They have at last come into their own and you are all talking about Sessions Laws, and most of you are buying Session Laws, which were almost unheard of things at the period at which my work began.

It was in the fall of 1874, when I was not much past my majority, and when I had been only some three years out of college, that I happened to take the train from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Eau Claire, Wisconsin. It was at the end of a trip of several weeks, in which I was engaged in my first business occupation, selling law-blanks, published by one of the printers at the state capitol, to the lawyers of Wisconsin. Eau Claire was my last stopping point and I was then near my home, which had been for many years, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The train reached Eau Claire about twelve o'clock at night and a gentleman got off and got into the hotel "bus" with me. I didn't know who he was and neither of us evinced very much curiosity as to who the other was. But, when we got to the hotel, my sympathy was very much aroused by learning that he couldn't go to bed that night, as he had a very bad attack of asthma and would be obliged to sit up all night. In the morning I met him again at breakfast and we still didn't exchange any confidences as to our identity or occupations. But, as I went around to the law offices in Eau Claire I found this gentleman in nearly every one I visited.

We compared notes at these various meetings and at the dinner table, in the middle of the day (as was usual then, in that part of the world) and I found that he was Mr. Charles C. Soule of the law-book firm of Soule, Thomas and Wentworth, of St. Louis, Mo. Now, many of you didn't know Mr. Soule, but I think you all have heard of him and you all know Soule's Reference Manual. He was my preceptor in the law-book business.

In November, that year, I went to St. Louis and became the junior salesman of the firm of Soule, Thomas and Wentworth. In 1878 Mr. Soule went back to Boston to become the junior partner of the firm of Little, Brown & Company, where he and Mr. Thomas, second member of the firm, had both served their apprenticeship in law books, and the St. Louis firm became F. H. Thomas & Company. By that time (1878) I had enough experience in law books to take Mr. Soule's place as head salesman. He had made the far-western trip, and I had

* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries at Toronto, Canada, in June 1927. Stenographic report revised by Mr. Cole.

been traveling, each summer, among the lawyers of Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. In the winter I had gone to the southern states.

But after 1878 my interest was East and West instead of North and South, and my first trip West was a very wonderful trip to me. It was entirely new, new country, new forms of transportation, and I had many new and interesting experiences.

The hour is getting late. I had intended to tell you in some detail about my visits to the western cities at that early day going to Leadville, Colorado, 10,000 feet above sea-level; and going 2200 feet underground in a mine at Virginia City, Nevada, on the celebrated Comstock Lode, and of the several "Concord-Coach" trips that I made, six horse, "thorough-brace" coaches. One trip reached from not very far north of Sacramento, up the Sacramento Valley, lasting twenty-one hours in one of those coaches, into northern California, with Mt. Shasta in plain view all day; going on the next night over the Oregon line across the Klamath river and at sunrise reaching the summit of the Siskiyou mountains; then down the very rich agricultural valley of southern Oregon, known as the Rogue River Valley; and numerous other things of that kind.

If I thought you should spend the time listening to me, I would be glad to tell you of these early experiences, but since Session Laws is the great topic of the day, it would be better to tell you how my dealing in them began.

In 1876 while Mr. Soule was still in St. Louis, Mr. Cravens, then librarian of the California State Library, passed through St. Louis on his way to the Centennial, at Philadelphia. He asked the firm whether they had any Session Laws and they did have a few, that had drifted in with other law books. But it put an idea into Mr. Soule's wise head, that here was a new field for the law bookseller. And the development of that idea, gaining the knowledge of what Session Law books there were, what constituted a complete set in each jurisdiction, and what constituted a complete book, or unit, of each such set, were our first problems. And I may say it is those same problems which present themselves today, although many of them are, by now, pretty well solved.

However, there had been "Session Laws" before that date (1876) and I suppose many local dealers had these books, and had some dealings in those of their own state, but our field was to be country-wide, and the St. Louis house was the first, and for many years the only, dealers in that field, and I was their prophet.

The libraries, as far as I know, that began the work of really buying, and trying to complete, sets of Session Laws were, first, the New York Law Institute, Mr. Wm. H. Winters was for many years librarian there; and, second, our Mr. Poole's library, the New York Bar Association, of which Mr. W. J. C. Berry laid the foundations in 1870 and was for years, twenty-five I think, its Librarian. But I think Mr. Winters had begun gathering-in these books, and trying to complete his sets, some years before Mr. Berry began.

Mine was a pioneer work, I assure you. I had to use my very best efforts with the librarians of the country, even with the State Librarians, who had been receiving these books, year by year, for many years from other states, but had missed volumes here and there, and some times very often, and it was hard

work to persuade, even them, that it was highly desirable to fill these gaps before the books had entirely disappeared. And that has been my occupation since 1885, and since 1885 exclusively.

In 1890 I moved from St. Louis to Washington, (where I have been ever since) and went into business "on my own." In 1895, the son of the senior of the St. Louis house, (which had become The F. H. Thomas Law Book Company) brought their stock of Session Laws to Washington and joined it with mine, and the Statute Law Book Company came into existence. In 1899, the younger Mr. Thomas went into another business and I became T. L. Cole again. I remained as such until 1912, when Mr. I. L. McCloud resigned from the Boston Book Company, of which Mr. C. C. Soule was, and had been for years, the head, and joined me in Washington, and the name Statute Law Book Company was again revived, and has so remained until now.

I am afraid that this is not a very good after-dinner speech, and because of the lateness of the hour, I will ask you to let me end it here.

CHAIRMAN GODARD: I am sure most of us and I hope all of us appreciate the privilege we have been having in listening to this story of the Dean of those who know Sessions Laws, and I am sorry that he didn't tell us more. I am going to ask him to tell us, if he will, in just a word, what he considers is going to be the benediction, if I may call it that, of his work which has occupied most of his life—what his plans are, through the help of Harvard, to pass down to the coming generations what he knows and he alone knows, because he knows that, when he "goes on," the only thing he can take with him is what he gives to us before he goes.

MR. COLE: It is all very indefinite as yet, but I have been assured that, if the Harvard Law School is able to raise the fund, that they are trying to raise, for the development of that superb Law School and Library, that an adequate sum will be given to me to prepare, during the next five years, the volumes that will contain all I know about Session Laws, on the title pages of which, it has been, all my Life, my greatest ambition to have my name appear, and that is, "A Bibliography of the American Statute Laws."

THE LIBRARY AND THE PEOPLE *

By the HONOURABLE WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL, LL.D., D.C.L.,
Justice of Appeal, Ontario

I must admit that in this address, I feel some embarrassment from the fact that I am to speak at the same time in two organizations of somewhat different characters and concerned with libraries with somewhat different functions: but, after all, I have for nearly half a century been in the habit of making constant use of both kinds and can claim some acquaintance with both.

The People who are to be spoken of in connection with each one are the users, actual or potential; and every library worthy of the name is constantly

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endeavoring, instant in season and out of season, to increase the former class, changing as many as possible of the potential into actual customers for its wares.

The state library is, of course, primarily for the use of those, sarcastically or otherwise, called Solons, members of the legislative bodies: and even Solon could read, and had there been libraries in his day might have increased even his wisdom by judicious reading, for "reading maketh a full man." Our modern Solons, however wise, can scarcely fail to be improved, at least mentally by utilizing the literature provided for them.

The law library is primarily for the student of law and the practising barrister, not an Elmer Gantry whose ambition is "to finish law school and never open another book—kid the juries along and hire some old coot to do the briefs." The law library is not expected to cater for any other classes—for curiously enough, the ordinary citizen has acquired the idea that law is dry: but the lawyer cannot forget that his is a liberal and a learned profession and he is no mere money making machine, no *banausos*, no *cheirotechnes* or "base mechanical."

The state library has a wider clientèle—indeed, it is often and I think should generally be rather a general library—certainly where there is no first-rate public library.

The very first aim of a library is to perform its primary function well.

I would compare a library to a hospital, a court.

The primary function of a hospital to which all others are subject and secondary, is to heal the sick and the wounded. The physician and the surgeon improves himself in his art by attending patients in the hospital, the medical student learns by clinical instruction at the bedside, by observing surgical operations by skilled surgeons; and that is all to the good. But it is a by-product, not the chief output of the hospital.

So the primary function of a civil court is to give to litigants, their rights according to law and the facts established, and that with the least possible expenditure of time and money. The proceedings in a criminal court should always be a solemn enquiry by the state into the question whether there has been by the accused committed an offense against it. Lawyers improve themselves in their art, law students learn both law and practice by observing skilled and experienced practitioners conduct their cases—jury-men and the general public may and frequently do benefit by expositions of law, judges may become more erudite—all that is to the good. But it is a by-product, not the chief output of the court; and if the healing of the sick, the giving of even-handed justice to the wronged, were to suffer that doctor or lawyer, medical student or student at law might be improved, it would be an outrage and a gross betrayal of public trust.

So, too, the library may have its by-product: it may by its building help to improve public taste in building, may inspire some architect or artist—it may add an art gallery and cater to artistic taste—all that is to the good, but it is a by-product, not the chief output of the library.

The chief production of the library is the supply of reading material suited to the wants of those who should make use of the library coupled with efforts to increase the number of its users.

This implies possession of and ready access to proper literature, modern as well as ancient. In a law library, the latest legal magazines and journals are as useful as Coke on Littleton—of course, there will sometimes be found shocking stuff in some of them; (I write, myself, for half a score and should know—*crede experto*) but as a whole, they are well written and illuminating. Moreover, they often furnish the latest conclusions of the best legal intellects of the day.

In general as in legal literature much of what will ultimately appear in volume form appears first as a whole or in embryonic form in periodicals: and whether in purely literary matter, in law, in science, in art, in mechanical advance, in business, what not, it is always an advantage to know what is going on.

So far I think I have carried you with me—I am not so sure of the acceptability of my next statement.

I am one of the diminished, perhaps diminishing band who take pleasure in a dialogue of Aristophanes or an Eclogue of Vergil—I delight now and then in Horace with his *curiosa felicitas* or "Euripides, the human, with his droppings of warm tears"—and consequently, no library is complete for me unless it has at least a fair collection of the classical writers, Greek as well as Latin. We are fortunate enough at Osgoode Hall to have the Valpy Collection supplemented by other editions of some authors. In addition, we have Du Cange and Stephanus and the best classical dictionaries and Greek and Latin lexicons. He would be a very exigent "classic," indeed, who could not rest in peace and happiness at Osgoode Hall.

This, however, is rather a counsel of perfection; a library that is too cramped for means—and a library as a college which ever has enough money is not worth its salt—cannot be expected to cater for the few to the detriment of the many, and many libraries must deny themselves accordingly.

What I mean by that is this: that every dollar of money that a library can get ought to be expended and the future must be looked out to—a library must be extending all the time—a library can always employ more money than it can ever possibly get.

Indeed, the principle of cutting the coat according to the cloth must govern all such institutions.

But in either class of library there should be a complete set of all the legislation concerning the country, whether by the legislature of the particular state or province or of other legislatures which have or have had jurisdiction over the territory of the state or province or any part of it. It is always advisable to have the original issue if that is available—that it is not always available, we know only too well in this province. We have no copy of the original issue of the statutes of the first few years of the Province of Upper Canada either in the Parliament Building in Queen's Park or at Osgoode Hall. It was only after more than thirty years' search that I found that there was a copy in the Sulpician Library in Montreal. The kindness of the eminent librarian of that Library and of the Archives Department at Ottawa has enabled me to boast of a photostat copy, now in the Riddell Canadian Library at Osgoode Hall.

But if the original issue of local statutes is not always available—and perhaps this is rather of antiquarian interest than of practical importance—there are

always available compilations of a somewhat early date which answer every practical purpose. The legislation of the Dominion and United States is as important as the local legislation and is readily available.

How any state or law library or any library with any claim to completeness can consider its shelves with complacency without the English Statutes at Large passes my comprehension. It has been said with truth that the best means of studying the Lowland Scottish language is found in the Scottish Acts of Parliament (being of Scottish descent, I never use the adjective "Scotch" except of a certain well known liquid and if I were to speak of a Scottish "dialect," I should expect my ancestors in "Ancient Riddell's fair domain" to turn in their graves and disown a degenerate son). The English Statutes at Large are indeed a treasure house for the philological student, whether in Latin, Norman-French or English: but their main value, in my view, is the knowledge and appreciation obtained by the study of them, of the origin, formulation and evolution of many of our legal principles, principles in some cases which have become almost intuitive and innate so as to be looked upon as of abstract right.

If any lawyer or lawmaker—nay, if any man of ordinary intelligence—can read the early English Statutes beginning (say) with Magna Charta, without a thrill, he will not be moved by the story of the Rebellion against Charles I, the Bill of Rights and Revolution of 1688 or the Declaration of Independence of 1776.

The two great lawmaking agencies according to the popular mind are the legislature and the courts. It is true that in fact the courts do not make law but only discover and explain it: but declaration of what the law is cannot be distinguished by the popular mind from declaration of what the law is to be. And often the statement in plain terms and especially in unaccustomed or striking terms of long settled law has come as a thunder clap, a bolt from the blue, to the ordinary people and has been considered as making law.

May I be allowed to give a couple of instances in my own experience to illustrate my meaning—instances in which my statement in plain terms of what I considered legal commonplaces caused much consternation in certain circles?

Every Canadian lawyer knows that we have no troublesome constitutional limitations, but that, within the ambit of its jurisdiction, a provincial legislature has as much power as the Imperial Parliament itself—and that can do anything that is not naturally impossible—as the saying goes, can do anything but make a man into a woman.

In a case before me, it was claimed that the provincial legislature had taken away the property of one company and given it to another. Without deciding that it did, I said that if it did, it had the legal right, i.e., the power, to do so—that the prohibition, "Thou shalt not steal," does not apply to the sovereign legislature. Many were outraged by this declaration and some, amongst them the late Professor Goldwin Smith, protested at my outrageous decision—the Professor never forgave me, but I consoled myself with the conviction that whenever he dealt with any Canadian subject he was inevitably and invariably wrong.

Again, in discussing the question of alimony a few weeks ago, I said that in this province a man had the right to get drunk every day. This was, of

course, a mere commonplace; and if I had said, "The law does not enforce merely moral duties," nothing would have been thought of it: but as it was, I was made the object of much newspaper comment, one giving me a column and a half of editorial, and woman's organization was with difficulty prevented from passing a vote of censure on me. I received many letters from the United States, some laudatory (apparently from some of "the boys") and some abusive—all, however, on the supposition that I was making the law not simply declaring it. (To a Chicago doctor who copied my statement and added the comment: "And a judge to be a brute," I returned his letter with the addition: "And a doctor to be an ass.")

This is stated to emphasize the fact that it is not alone the letter of the statute that is important but also the interpretation made by the courts. For those who live as most of us do in "Common Law" countries, the Reports of the English Courts from the beginning are of almost, if not quite, as great importance as those of our own state or province: and no law library could hold up its head if it had not also the reports of the decisions of all other states, provinces, Dominions and Commonwealths dealing with cognate law. But as the dry lawyer says in "The King's Counsel"—"there is something more in life than is found in law books."

History, which has been defined as philosophy teaching by examples, must have a large place in any library. It is not much to the credit of this province that a really worthy and reliable history of it has never been written. I am not speaking of school histories which must necessarily be concise and epitomized but of histories intended to detail at some length and with some particularity, the events of our past. Whatever may have been the case when Kingsford and Dent wrote, there is now ample material for a satisfactory history of our land in the archives at the capitals: there is now no need of conjecture in most instances and the historian will not be required to give romance for fact.

I sincerely hope that the rumor is true that Professor Wrong of the University of Toronto has such a work under way: his calm judgment and historical instinct must prove invaluable.

English history is imperative; and, *longo intervallo*, Scottish, *et longiore intervallo*, Irish history, the history of Greece and Rome, are of advantage—and to my mind, the causes of the two greatest events in modern history, indeed in all history, have not received the attention they deserve. In 1924, I heard the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain in Westminster Hall say that the Declaration of Independence of July 4, 1776, was the greatest event in English history in the eighteenth century: I agree, but go further and express it as my firm and well-considered opinion that it was one of the greatest events in all history, for it destroyed the Old British Empire to make way for the New British Empire which, working in harmony with the new and kindred nation formed on this continent, is the hope of the world today and the guaranty of the preservation of peace and of our form of civilization, the best that the world has ever seen.

The World War is the other of these two events: the self-styled superman with the power and therefore the right and the duty to enforce his will upon

the rest of the world by the strong hand of military power is swept into the discard and the world is to be governed not by force but by law, by justice and righteousness.

Everything which will enable the people to understand and appreciate the causes and the results of these momentous events the library should unstintingly supply, and that means the history of continental Europe, of England and the British Empire generally, as well as of the American colonies and of the United States—indeed, I might almost say of all medieval and modern history: and I should not complain if some one were to add “and ancient history, also.”

In respect of general literature, fiction, travels, and so forth, each library must consider its own clientèle, actual and potential—and so with the sciences, the arts, medicine, mechanics, business, the hundred other branches of human knowledge and skill—always bearing in mind that in many branches of science, as in medicine, a book of half a century's age is always grossly defective and almost always grossly wrong.

The material supplied, comes now the question of making it most useful. Mathematician and literal lawyer as I am, I am not of those who gird at artistic beauty, architectural or otherwise, but I insist that artistic beauty must give way to utilitarian considerations in the library. A beautiful building, if you will, but a building furnishing ample and well-adjusted light, fresh air, comfortable seats, convenient desks, proper writing appliances and above all competent and courteous attendants who know the treasures of the library and are desirous of rendering them available to all comers.

A constant frequenter of our Toronto libraries, I gladly pay my tribute of sincere thanks to their staffs; their skill and knowledge are beyond all praise, their consideration and courtesy unfailing—Osgoode Hall, College Street and Queen's Park vie with each other in furnishing admirable librarians and assistants—*Palmas qui meruerunt ferant*.

May I, in concluding this discursive address, be permitted to wish the American Library Association, the American Association of Law Libraries and the National Association of State Libraries, a long and successful career of usefulness. My country claims her share in the enterprise for charged jointly with the United States with the destiny of this great continent, while we have no desire to be called Americans, we claim to be American.

Ne quaeso sit iurgium inter me et te . . . fratres enim sumus. Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum.

A PHANTOM CITATION

DR. G. E. WIRE, Librarian, Worcester County Law Library

One February afternoon, to wit February 26, 1926, coming from my noon hour, I found one of our lawyers, Mr. F. L. Riley, at a table in front of this desk surrounded by a tableful of law books, and my assistant on the trail “for more”, a la Oliver Twist. She had this citation, *Lee vs Lorsch* 37 U.C.Q.B. 262, a perfectly good looking citation from a law library point of view. Being in-

terpreted it reads, Upper Canada Queen's Bench Reports vol. 37 page 262. This is all very well if the library has this set of reports which covers the years 1844-1882 of what is now called the Province of Ontario. Fortunately we have this set as well as those of all the Canadian Provinces. On procuring the volume we opened to page 262 and the case there reported is *In re Mackay et al vs Goodson*, an insolvency case as might be expected from the "In re." Our case is one of Landlord and Tenant on breach of condition, two dissimilar propositions entirely. Miss Kirschner had looked in the table of cases of all forty-six volumes of that series. She had also looked in the table of cases cited, overruled etc. of English cases, in the Decennial and Supplemental Digests. I, not knowing her search, went all over the 130 volumes of Upper Canada Reports, and by that time our closing hour had arrived and we both quit for the night. I kept turning over the situation in my mind and the next morning went up to the Ontario shelves and got out the following digest, Robinson & Joseph Ontario Digest 2v. 1880, and looked up the table of cases and found some references to the case in the following columns—1042, 2019, 2034, 2078 and 4491. Very full headnotes were given and it must be that some of the citations came from them. In the note in column 1042 was the caption "Not yet reported" and this laid that particular ghost by the heels. Needless to say that I immediately called Mr. Riley on the telephone and informed him of our find, and on his first visit to the library, which is this afternoon, we show him the digest citations. In all probability it was assigned the volume and page as cited and for some reason was not printed and the mistake not being corrected it was copied far and wide as is quite frequently the case.

In all probability this case started from 196 Mass. 134-138, Frank O. Squire and others, *Executors vs Francis M. Learned*, Executor, March 13, 1907—June 20, 1907, where it appears from our file of the original papers that it was not cited in Mr. Morse's brief but was brought up by him in oral argument and Judge Loring who wrote the opinion evidently and naturally accepted the citation of Mr. Morse. Being one of the delicate and refined questions it would appear to be the only case thereupon and so was cited and quoted as follows; 196 Mass. 138, 81 N.E. 881, 35 C.J. Landlord and Tenant page 1065, notes 68 & 73, II Lawyers Reports Annotated, n.s. 635, Tiffany, Landlord and Tenant Ed. I, page 932 sec. 152 note 129, Tiffany, Real Property Ed. 2 page 162 note 70. It is not cited in Underhill, Landlord and Tenant published about the same time as Tiffany, nor in Thompson on Real Property nor in our local text book, Hall on Massachusetts Law of Landlord and Tenant. As to how many more places it is found we know not, and it is to correct the citation that we prepare this note. In each case where cited, and also in the digest itself, we made the reference, "Case not reported, see Robinson & Joseph Ontario Digest v. 1, column 1042."

I may add that I have been two weeks off and on, hunting for the citation in C.J. and have read some 200 pages before I found it, as our reader lost his reference and could not tell us where he found it, hence the delay in writing up this note. I shall be pleased to learn of any other citations of this case from our fellow librarians.

NOTES

FELLOWSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW
1928-1929

The Division of International Law of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace announces that fellowships in international law will be awarded for the academic year 1928-1929.

Applications will be received up to March 1, 1928. Application blanks will be furnished upon request addressed to THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW FELLOWSHIPS, 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.

James Brown Scott, Director.

MASSACHUSETTS LAW QUARTERLY

The Massachusetts Law Quarterly, the official publication of the Massachusetts Bar Association, is distributed to libraries and other bar associations by the Social Law Library, Court House, Boston, Mass. Make all requests for information and for missing numbers to this library.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Miss Anne Morris Boyd of the University of Illinois Library School has prepared and published a mimeographed "Outline for the Course in United States Government Publications as Sources of Information for Libraries." Miss Boyd's book will be of very considerable assistance to libraries interested in collecting United States government publications. The publications of each of the executive departments of the government and also those of Congress, the Federal Courts, and independent government establishments, such as the Alien Property Custodian, Civil Service Commission, and others, are taken up in detail. Helpful suggestions are also made as to reference forms for all these publications. There is no more difficult field for the librarian than government publications and Miss Boyd has made a distinct contribution to the study of this elusive but valuable material.

AMERICAN STATE REPORTS AND SESSION LAWS EXCLUSIVE OF SIDE REPORTS

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Session laws	Quadrennial 1923, 1927 etc.	Secretary of State.....	Special session 1926 & Reg.
Alaska			
Reports	West Pub. Co., St. Paul, Minn....	6
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